(b) whether it is also a fact that infant mortality rate and deaths of mothers during child birth are very high and on account of paucity of funds, the State Government cannot upgrade their medical infrastructure facilities; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by Government to modernize and speed up health-care services in the State to control mortality rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the per capita expenditure on health in Orissa is low compared to that of other States. The infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rates are also high compared to other States. As regards rural health infrastructure, there is some shortfall at the level of Sub-Centres and Community Health Centres although there is a surplus at the level of Primary Health Centre, as per Census 2001.

(c) The Union Government is implementing national disease control programmes for control of major diseases like Malaria, TB, Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS in the State. To enable the Sate to fill critical gaps in providing health services to the people, external assistance is also availed of by the Centre for implementation of the various National Health Programmes. Further, State Health Systems Development Project at a cost of Rs. 416 crore is under implementation in Orissa with World Bank Assistance for improvement of rural health infrastructure in the State. Assistance is also provided to the State for health interventions for bringing down maternal, infant and child mortality under Reproductive Child Health Programme. Funds are also provided under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) for improving the functional status of the rural primary health care institutions.

Treatment of TB Patients

2301. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of TB patients have lost their lives due to inadequate facilities and proper medication in various hospital in Delhi during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of patients died, month-wise in various hospitals

including the TB hospital at Mehrauli, New Delhi; and

(c) the steps Government are contemplating to provide treatment of international standard to the TB patients in various hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Deaths of TB patients are more in hospitals. It is not due to inadequate facilities and improper medication but because of the fact that; majority of the patients admitted for treatment are in advanced stage of tuberculosis with complications like damaged lungs, TB meningitis, miliary tuberculosis and associated diseases i.e. diabetes, HIV etc. Under the programme hospital wise details of patients and deaths are not maintained. In Delhi under RNTCP during year 2001-02 out of 25533 TB patients put on treatment, 600 died with comes to 2.34%. This is much less than the estimated death rate of 29% in the earlier programme. In case of LRS Institute of TB & Allied Diseases, Mehrauli, New Delhi, death rate has been 13.06% due to reasons stated above. Details of month-wise patient deaths due to TB in the above Institute is placed in the Statement (*See* below).

With an objective to achieve a cure rate of 85% of new sputum cases and to detect atleast 70% of such cases, the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), which is a WHO recommnded DOTS strategy is being implemented in the country since 1997 in a phased manner. The State of Delhi is fully covered under revised strategy since year 2001. RNTCP project in Delhi has reported treatment success rate of more than 80%, which means that more than 8 out of every 10 patients detected and put on treatment on the revised strategy are successfully treated as against less than 4 in the earlier programme. The best possible treatment is being provided under the Programme.

Statement

Details of Month wise patient deaths due to TB in LRS Institute

Sl. No.	Month & Year	Number of TB Deaths
1.	April 2002	27
2.	May 2002	38
3.	June 2002	35

Sl. No.	Month & Year	Number of TB Deaths
4.	July 2002	42
5.	August 2002	32
6.	September 2002	25
7.	October 2002	26
8.	November 2002	30
9.	December 2002	32
10.	January 2003	35
11.	February 2003	24
12.	March 2003	38
	TOTAL	384

Home remedies kits to Karnataka

2302. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether home Remedies Kits containing medicines of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy have been supplied to Karnataka;

(b) if so, the number of Home Remedies Kits supplied to the State during 2002-03; and

(c) the number of districts in the State proposed to be covered by such Kits during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Funds have been provided to Govt. of Karnataka for procuring 400 Home Remedies Kits of Ayurveda.

(c) Kolar district has been identified for supply of Home Remedies Kits of Ayurveda.